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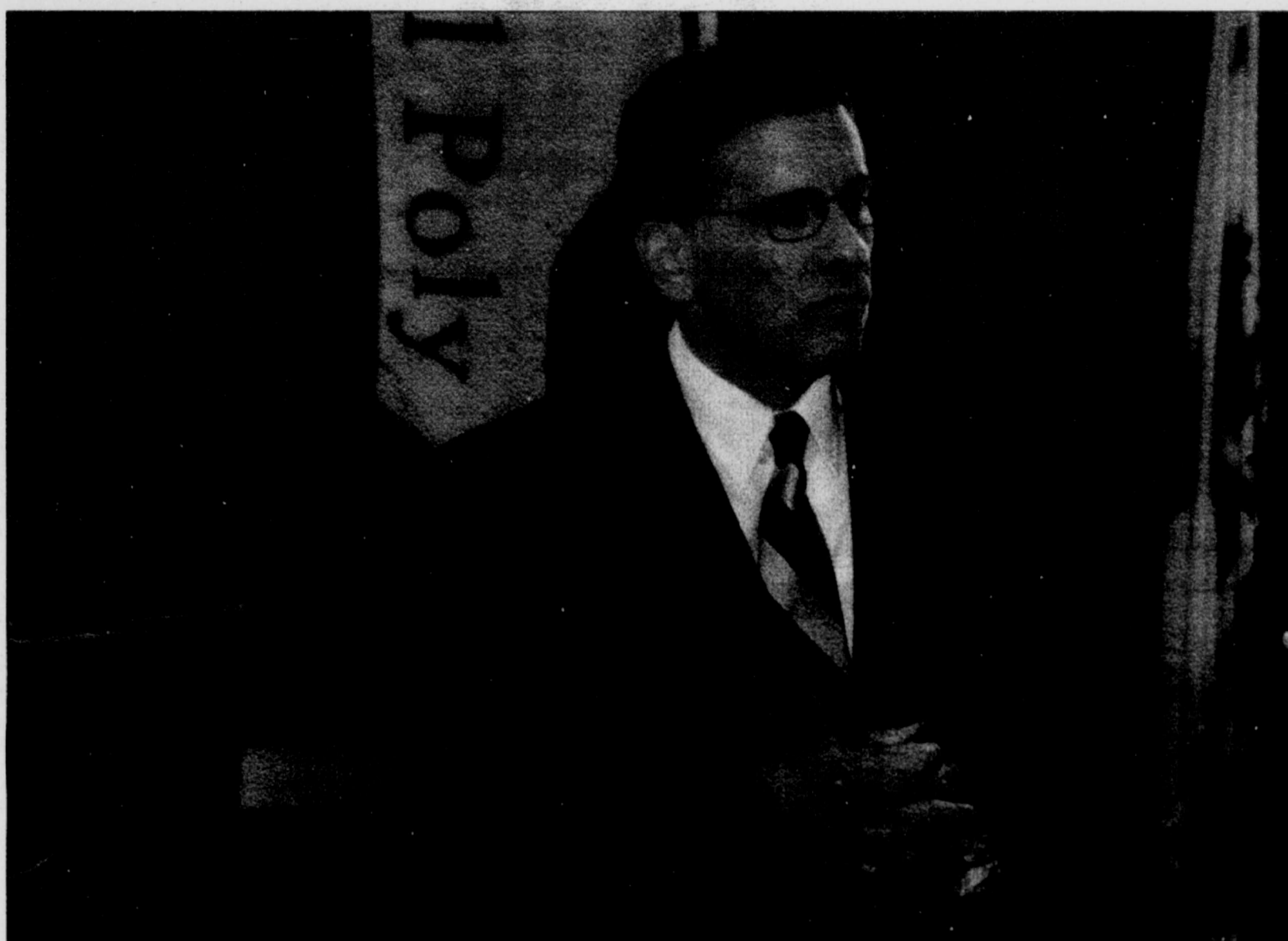
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Armstrong on budgets: 'Learn By Doing is nonnegotiable'



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"It's up to me as president to be a steward of who we are, and a good steward of that quality," Cal Poly President Jeffrey Armstrong said about his position with the school in light of Governor Jerry Brown's 2011-2012 budget cuts.

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Cal Poly President Jeffrey Armstrong is rising to the challenges of funding constraints. Following Governor Jerry Brown's 2011-2012 proposed state budget cut of an estimated 21 percent of university state funding last month, Armstrong said it is up to him to continue the university's reputation of quality.

"It's up to me as president to be a steward of who we are, and a good steward of that quality," Armstrong said. "That means matching the number of students with the money that we have and being able to learn by doing."

The "money that we have," Armstrong refers to is based on Brown's latest budget, which calls for a \$500 million reduction to the California State University (CSU) system, CSU media specialist Erik Fallis said.

This loss could double if voters do not approve three tax extensions that raise money for the CSU system. The state has not decided if the matter will be on the ballot in June, Fal-

lis said. The taxes Brown is asking to extend are higher rates of state income taxes, sales tax and motor vehicle registration for five years.

Vice president for administration and finance Larry Kelley tailored these numbers to Cal Poly.

"We have not received an allocation notice for next year, but we estimate the reduction in state allocation to be about \$25.8 million," Kelley said. "Or roughly 21 percent of the state support."

This is the most recent cut in a sequence of annual reductions.

"Four years ago, the state provided Cal Poly \$150 million," Armstrong said. "We know it's going to drop, at least, to \$99 million."

Armstrong is the former dean of agriculture at Michigan State University, where budget deficits have also been a problem for more than a decade. He said he is confident funding can be replaced by increasing tuition and fees, continuing to bring in non-resident students and reaching out to donors and corpora-

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Tips on professionalism from a Cal Poly entrepreneurship pro

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Graduation caps are flying through the air as recent graduates celebrate embarking on a new chapter of life. As they leave college behind them, their recent excitement might turn to fear as they face the intimidating task ahead: finding a job.

For many students, the process of obtaining a degree can feel like preschool when compared to the task of finding a job out of college. Getting advice from professors on campus may help students learn how to separate themselves from the multitudes of new graduates entering the job market.

"The most common question I get from students is, 'What do I need to do to get a job?'" said Cal Poly associate entrepreneurship professor Jonathan York.

With more than 25 years experience as a CEO in multiple industries including health care, software, venture capital and economic development, York brings a successful entre-

preneur's perspective to his teaching role at Cal Poly.

Therefore, the tips he gives students are to focus on accountability, communication and network building, all of which he promotes around campus.

York is also the co-founder and director of the Cal Poly Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Club member and business administration senior Jennifer Leary said the club fosters enterprising.

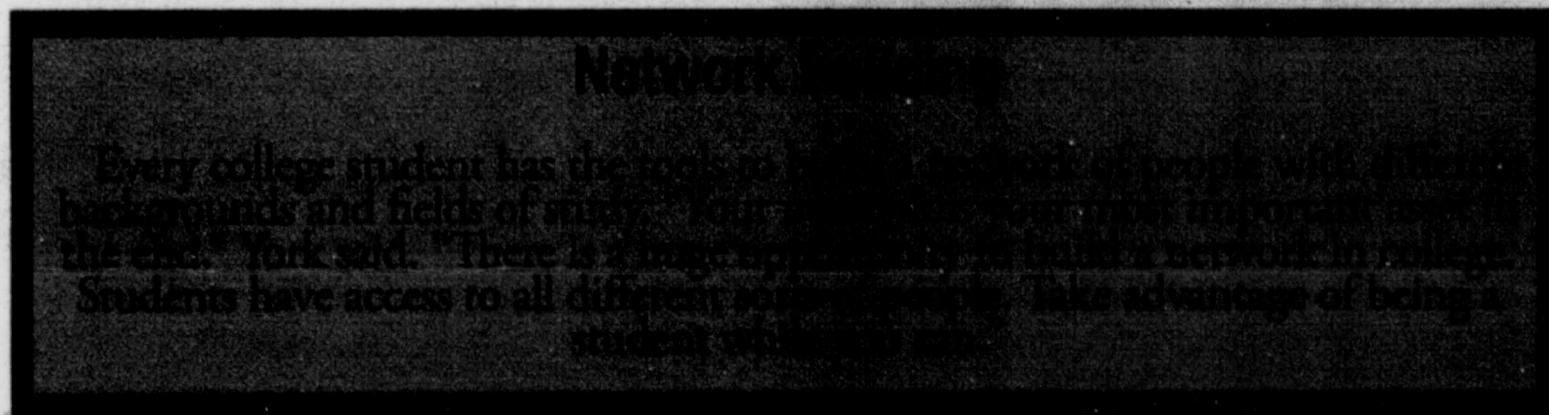
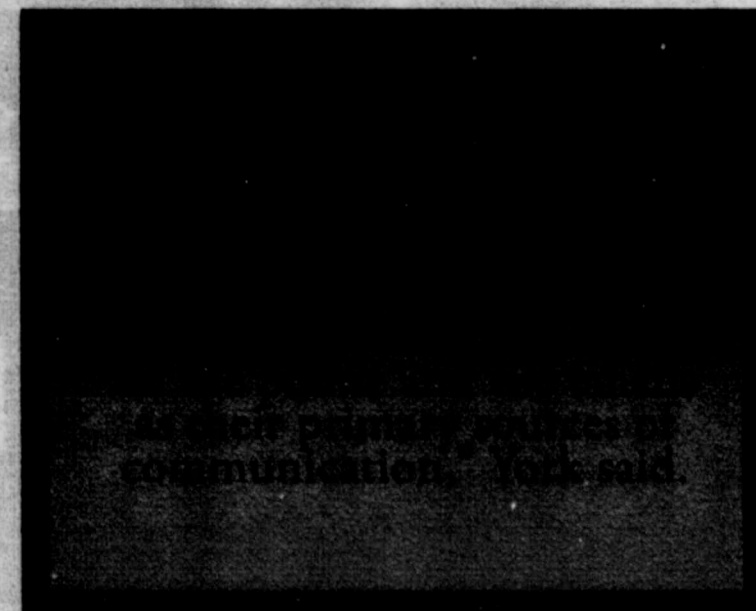
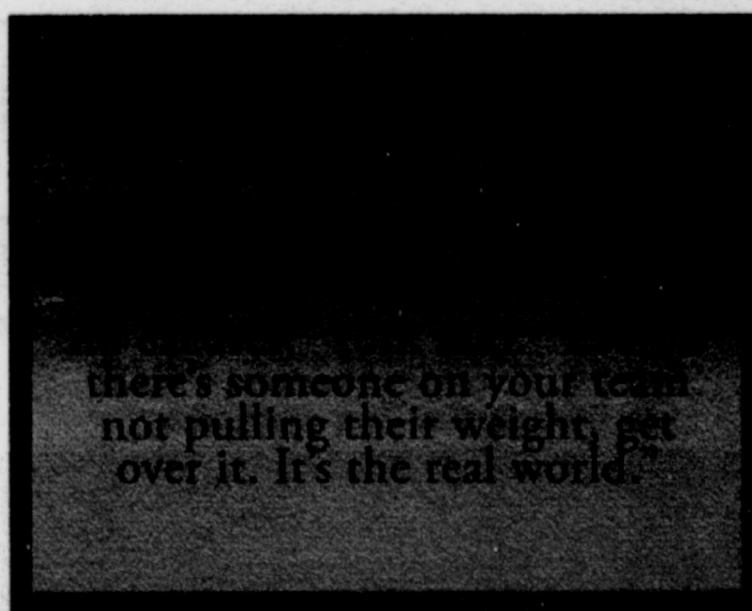
"It allows students to think creatively, form cross-discipline partnerships, and provides access to resources necessary to start a business," Leary said. "Dr. York is always willing to put in the extra effort to help his students pursue their entrepreneurial dreams."

York doesn't take himself too seriously, though. According to former students, he carries himself professionally. Students, such as Leary, said they respect York because of the way he communicates.

"I sincerely appreciate that Dr. York

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York's tips for successful professionalism



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tions for development.

A 10 percent fee increase has already been approved for Fall 2011, Fallis said.

To increase the number of non-resident students, whose fees are matched by the state, Cal Poly funds a portion of out-of-state recruitment, but mostly relies on nationwide interest due to strict competition and high rankings. The cost of attendance for an out-of-state student for the 2010-2011 academic year is \$24,980 because out-of-state students pay an additional \$248 per unit on top of the flat fee of \$6,920. For the 2011-2012 school year, out-of-state students can be expected to pay \$25,962 — a \$982 difference.

"It's not the single-point solution, but it is one avenue because they pay more than their share," Armstrong said.

Cal Poly is still very competitive at the national level, Armstrong said, citing a 75 percent graduation rate of all students between 2005 and 2011.

Upholding and expanding on the current value of Cal Poly is important to inspire supportive funding, Armstrong said.

"We have a technology park that is almost full of companies that are looking to take what our undergraduates and faculty are doing and turn it into companies," he said. "It's either the result of Cal Poly, or they want to be close to Cal Poly to help it grow."

In the past, Cal Poly has balanced approximately 43 percent of the deficit with furloughs, 37 percent with fee increases and 20 percent with reductions to operating budgets and attrition, Kelley said.

"Attrition occurs as people quit or retire," Kelley said. "Holding the positions vacant provides budget savings."

Strains on teacher accessibility emerge when faculty and staff num-

bers diminish as a result of attrition.

Architecture junior Kiley Feickert said she worries what further faculty and staff reductions could mean for the value of her education.

"Being an architecture student, we have a studio environment, which is really important to develop our design abilities," she said. "One of the main things is it's supposed to be a low student-to-teacher ratio. When I came in, the studio numbers (of students) were around 16 to 18, at the max, and now they've been increasing to between 18 and 20."

Although "Learn By Doing" is more costly than lecture-oriented education, it is only in danger if there is an all-cuts budget and no replacement of funds, Armstrong said.

Cal Poly's prized hands-on method is a solution rather than a burden in balancing the budget, he said.

"I'm absolutely optimistic we will preserve 'Learn By Doing,'" Armstrong said. "That's who we are."

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treats each of his students as capable adults," Leary said.

Business administration senior Will Newhart, is another one of York's students who looks to him as a professional example.

"Dr. York is the reason that the entrepreneurship program is as phenomenal as it is," Newhart said. "His extensive experience as an entrepreneur and venture capitalist make him both a knowledgeable and highly respected educator and mentor. Personally, Professor York has served as an extremely influential mentor."

Newhart, like Leary, also said the way York communicates with his students is a major reason he is a successful professor.

"Dr. York treats everyone with respect, but he is not hesitant to express his displeasure with an individual or class when they fall short

of his expectations," Newhart said. "As a consequence, I have become hyper vigilant of how I carry myself when engaging in business interactions and maintaining the appropriate level of professionalism."

York said his high expectations for students stem from his sympathy with college students who are looking for work.

"The days of finding jobs easily are over, and if you sit back and wait for something to happen, it never will," he said. "College is a strange transition between being controlled by others and being controlled by yourself."

The most important lesson to learn from college is everyone has complete control of their actions, York said. By doing so, York was able to obtain two degrees during his college years.

York received his bachelor's degree from Yale in 1972 and received his doctorate degree in psychology in 1979. He was first inspired to become an

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Local forum further addresses hate crimes on Central Coast

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An open community forum on hate crimes was held Monday night in Arroyo Grande in response to last month's cross burning.

A panel of local politicians, law enforcement officials, members of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Arroyo Grande High School Gay-Straight Alliance and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) spoke about how to respond to hate crimes and how to prevent bias through education, before opening the forum up to questions and comments from the community.

The over-arching theme of the forum was the need to educate the community about diversity in order to prevent future hate crimes. Regional Director for the Santa Barba-

ra/Tri-Counties ADL Cyndi Silverman said despite the harm caused by the cross burning, it could be viewed as a chance to break down bias.

"Hate crimes, they're very impactful," Silverman said at the forum. "They're message crimes. They're crimes that are to send a message, and they send a message to the victim and obviously they've sent a message to the community. This is an opportunity for us to come together and to learn about it."

Silverman said ADL's work with schoolchildren is a good starting point, and encouraged community members to work on educating themselves and their children about diversity.

"Bias-related thinking and speech are basically about ignorance," Silverman said. "So what do we do when people are ignorant? We educate."

That education includes having open discussions about race, said

Adam Hill, chair of the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, who spoke during the time allotted for open comments.

"It's simple to say, but you know, in my experience it's been extremely difficult to actually have candid, frank conversations about race with people because, you know, people are so cautious," Hill said. "Don't be cautious."

Panelist and Grover Beach Mayor John Shoals shared with the forum an anecdote about a little girl who had been scared of his daughter in elementary school because of the difference in skin color. Shoals said the teacher turned the incident into a lesson on diversity for the class.

The panel also stressed the need for the community to come up with a response plan for future bias-motivated crimes. Civil rights expert Booker Neal, a member of the California State Conference of the

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Santa Barbara/Tri-Counties Anti-Defamation League director

NAACP, said at the forum that the hate crime response plan is similar to a city's natural disaster plan in that it is not something often put into use, but something that is necessary.

"Each city has a disaster plan, but when was the last time you had a major disaster?" Neal said. "But you (still) have a plan."

Community members shared their

own ideas for preventing future hate crimes, which included increased diversity education in local schools, a public work of art that celebrates local diversity and an Arroyo Grande city resolution condemning intolerance.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Arroyo Grande hosted the forum, partly

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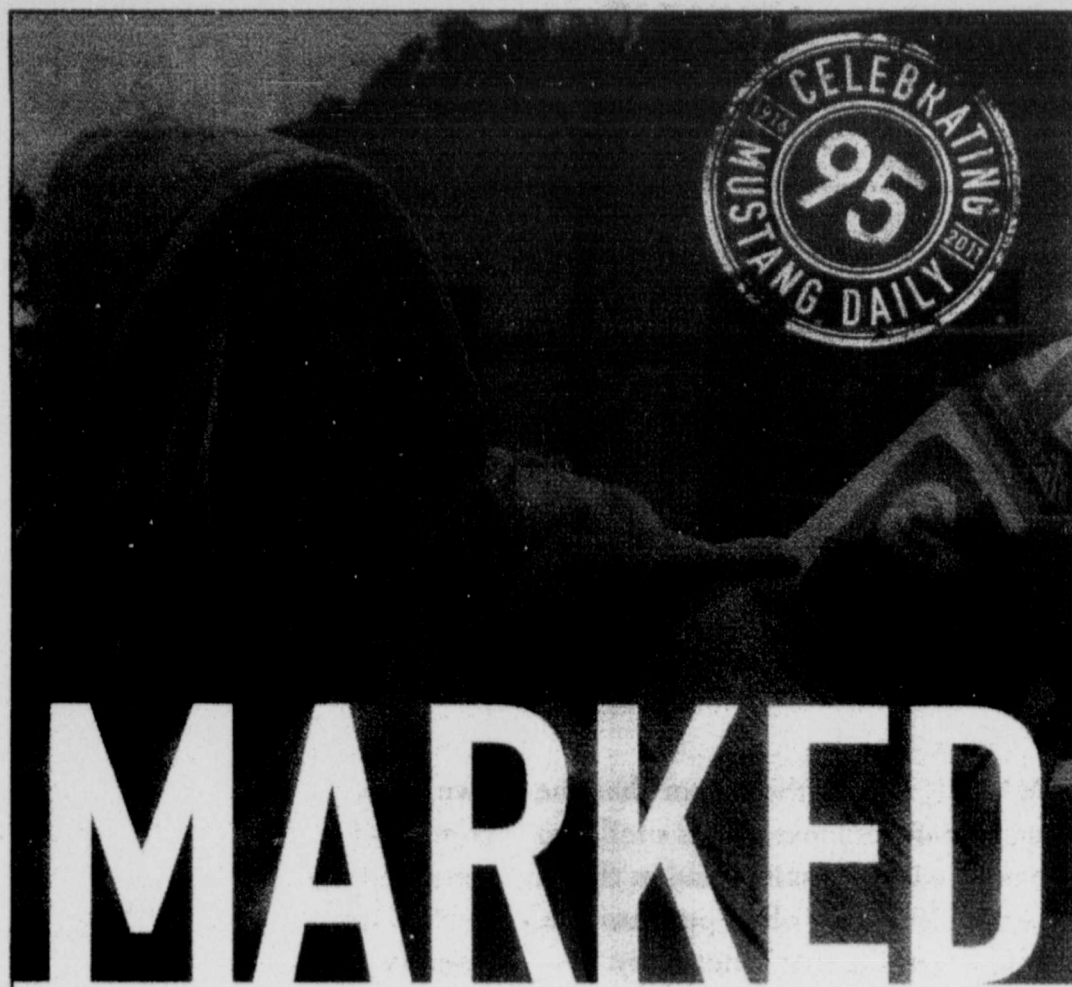
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— Jenna Mariluch,
liberal studies senior



"I plan to go to grad school here and get a master's in civil and environmental engineering, and then I'd like to go back home and get an engineering job."

— Kyle Fooks,
environmental engineering
senior



"I hope to work for an engineering firm — hopefully that will lead to a job. I'm minoring in Spanish too, so I'd like to have an international engineering career."

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entrepreneur when he experienced the Internet for the first time. By the '90s, he had already worked as the CEO of multiple companies.

In March of 1996, his own Internet-based software company was born — fourthchannel. York said he saw the Internet as more than an exciting new technology.

"At the time I thought, 'Ah, that really has the opportunity to change the way things are done,'" he said.

In the middle of his career, York became more than an entrepreneur. He said he couldn't pass up the opportunity to teach what he loved and inspire others along the way.

Cal Poly offered York his first

teaching position in 2009 within the Orfalea College of Business. His wife Kathleen moved with him that fall from Columbus, Ohio.

"Most people don't know that entrepreneurship is not just about starting a business, it's about taking control of your own life," York said. "If you've got an idea, there's no reason not to try to go for it."

On April 14, York will host an Entrepreneurship Forum, which is the fourth in the series of events hosted by the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship.

York said he enjoys running the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship because he enjoys encouraging students to network with business professionals.

"The only way to learn it is by doing it."

Hate Crime

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because its cross was the one stolen for the cross burning. The pastor of St. John's Lutheran, Randy Ouimette, said the forum was a good opportunity for the community to come together and heal after the incident.

"I think the forum was good because people have not had a single place to come to share their concerns, their cares, their values," Ouimette said.

Community members lingered

at the church after the open forum concluded to speak one-on-one with members of the panel.

Arroyo Grande resident Sarge Edwards, who attended the forum, said it was a useful tool for generating ideas. Edwards came away from the forum with the realization that there was no local institution for promoting diversity and fighting bias, but the conviction that a change can be made.

"There was a lot of good suggestions from the audience," Edwards said. "It just takes some people to organize it and get something going."

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Companies have once again come to Cal Poly in an effort to recruit students for newly opened positions at the spring job fair in Chumash Auditorium. Students will dress to impress and put their best foot forward. Many will even secure an interview with their hopeful future employer.

A quick meet and greet is short enough that students can grit their teeth and still have a positive first impression — even on an empty stomach — but as the day continues and the rigor of the interviews increases, students will need more than just a candy bar or caffeine jolt to keep up with any company's expectations. Many people pay special attention to sleeping and regular exercise for adding energy into their everyday routine, but all too many tend to overlook the all-too-important factor diet has on their energy levels.

If you find yourself getting plenty of sleep (a recommended seven to nine hours a night), a healthy amount of exercise (recommended 150 minutes moderate intensity active work a week) and you are still drained by 3:30 p.m., perhaps it is time to start looking at your diet and what role foods are playing in your

energy needs.

The first and most important step is eating breakfast. The name itself really reveals its importance. By eating breakfast you are breaking the "fast" of not eating since dinner.

When your body wakes up in the morning it is either empty or near empty of calories and should be replenished quickly or not only your body, but also your brain, will suffer the disadvantage of running on empty. Almost everyone knows the anxiety created by driving a car on empty — will I make it to the next gas station or will I be walking a red can of fuel back to my car alongside the road? Our bodies are not too different from a car in that both need fuel. Skipping breakfast is far more detrimental than you may think.

When choosing breakfast foods it is important to look for foods high in fiber, rich in protein and full of complex carbohydrates. These foods will last the longest in your system by providing sustained energy until your next meal. Some good breakfast choices include: eggs, oatmeal, fresh fruit (especially bananas), whole grain toast and skim milk.

Another key tip to keep in mind when eating for energy is to frequently eat small meals and not overeat at any one meal. By constantly providing the body calories throughout

the day, you prevent a pattern of uncontrolled energy highs and lows. A large meal (aka overeating) will sit heavy in your stomach and draw blood into your stomach. The rush of blood to the stomach demands more energy help in digestion and depletes other areas of the body from oxygen and nutrients, thus zapping much more useful energy than necessary. The mistake of overeating has a high possibility of leading you into overeating again because you might skip the next meal in an attempt to compensate for previously overeating. In short, don't fall into the trap of a few large meals, but instead, encourage multiple mini-meals throughout the day.

If the thought of a "mini-meal" seems too time consuming stick to three main meals a day and sprinkle in a few snacks. Stay away from refined snacks, such as pretzels and crackers, which although low in fat, are broken down almost immediately and do not offer sustained energy. The breakdown of these snacks is similar to the rapid blood sugar increase seen after consuming candy and other high-sugar snacks.

Examples of better alternative snacks, which are still quick and almost effortless to prepare, would be dried fruits, low-fat yogurts and small handfuls of nuts — almonds are the most nutrient-dense (a ratio to describe the amount of nutrients provided compared to the amount of calories present in the food) nut, but a variety of nuts are just behind it in nutrient density, so choose the nut you are most likely to purchase and enjoy eating.

The last key element to keep energy levels up is to stay hydrated. Sometimes we mistakenly take our bodies' cues for needing water as a cue to eat — this can cause more issues with overeating and excess energy being diverted to digestion in the stomach. Remember to keep

hydrated with a reusable water bottle throughout the day — especially as the sunny weather of spring and summer arrive.

You have gotten your sleeping habits as close to regular as classes will allow, you are living an active college life and now with one final touch involving your diet, you can

adjust your energy level to its peak and keep it sustained throughout the day. With all this in order, and a new you that is ready to conquer anything and everything, you are ready to head into that final interview, show off your Poly professionalism and get companies excited about hiring you.

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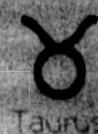
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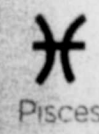
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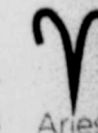
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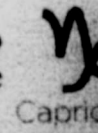
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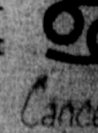
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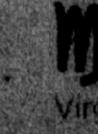
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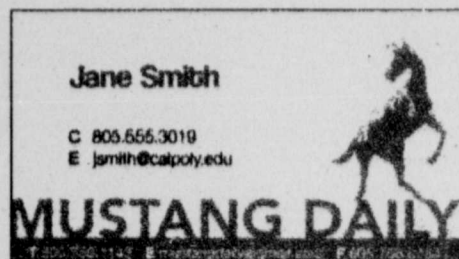
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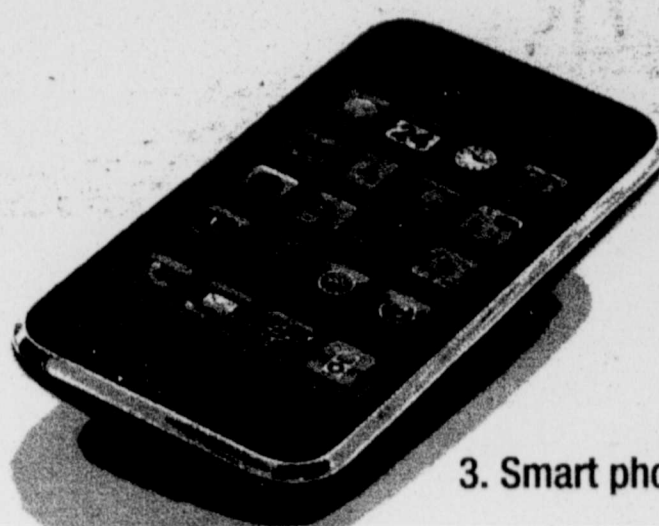
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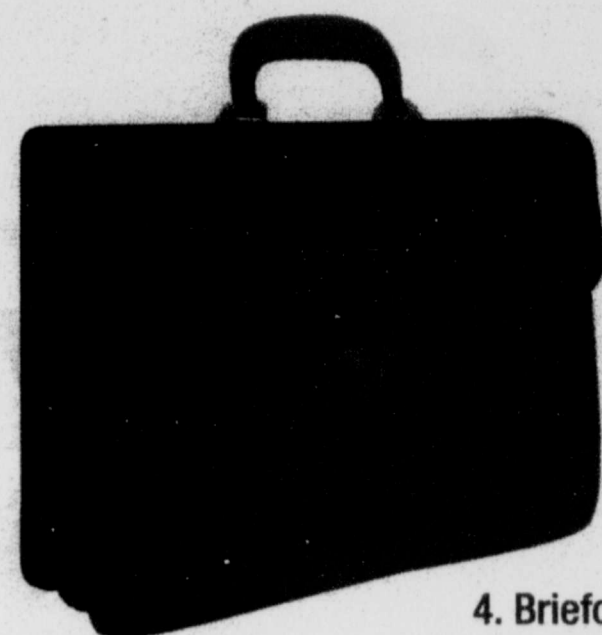
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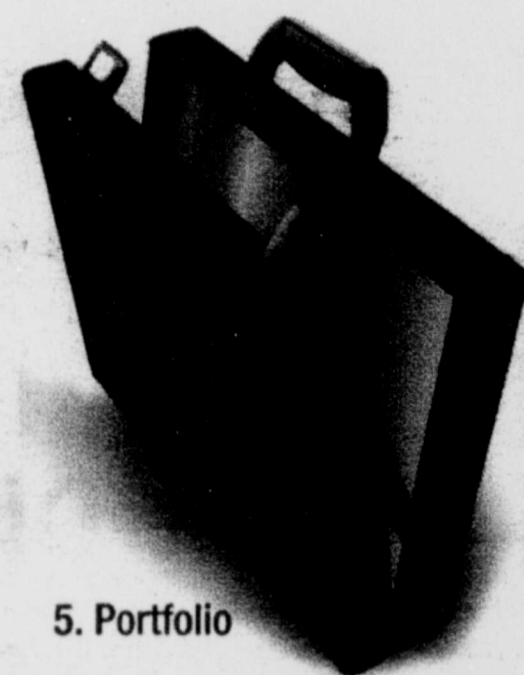
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Although there are certain aspects of professionalism that can't be taught, here are some helpful tips to become more professional. Don't necessarily think of these tips as "rules," but as things to consider when you're in a professional environment.

At the workplace

Always arrive on time, and know that on time means arriving 10 minutes early.

Dress to impress. Even if your employer shows up to the interview in jeans, don't take this as a suggestion to dress casually. Until you've started working at the company or organization and are told it is acceptable to dress down, maintain business professional attire.

Don't call in sick or ask for vacation any time soon. Especially during an interview process or when you've just started a new job, never ask for time off unless it's an absolute emergency. A good guideline is to wait at least six months before taking a sick day or vacation time. Some professionals recommend waiting a year.

Don't bring your phone into an interview. This is the smartest choice when headed into an interview — you never want to risk having your phone ring. If you absolutely cannot live without it, check and double check that your phone is turned off. Now is also a good time to eliminate that Justin Bieber ring tone.

Offer and be willing to take on extra tasks. When you're new and want your employer to know you're a hard worker, offer to take on tasks that haven't been asked of you yet. However, don't take on so many ex-

tra tasks that it affects your ability to complete already assigned work.

Be nice to everyone you encounter. This means being polite to everyone, even the receptionist and the janitor. You never know who or when someone will comment about you and your attitude.

Be available. This applies to both communication (phone and email) and scheduling appointments. If you want to show an employer you're accountable, respond to phone calls and emails as soon as possible. If a company can't get a hold of you, someone else might get your job. Secondly, if an employer is trying to schedule an interview or appointment, be available and try to plan around their convenience.

Leave your personal problems at home. Just because someone asks how your day is does not mean you should unload your problems. That's not what you're getting paid for. Get back to work.

Try to avoid using "um" and "uh" — it's OK to stop and think. Take a second to process before responding — especially in an interview setting. Say, "Let me think about that," before answering a difficult question. You'll appear much more credible by pausing instead of letting out a long "uh."

Online

Proofread every email you send. Your email might be the first impression a future employer has of you, so avoid errors.

Have a professional email address. Yes, back in the day "cuteboyzrule@[insert outdated email service here].com" was really cool, but now you're an adult, so stick to the name your mother gave you. Choose an email with minimal spam and advanced capabilities to help manage online calendars, document sharing and space (such as Gmail).

Send your résumé as a PDF to avoid formatting or program problems, unless otherwise specified.

Start a blog or create a website about your interests or future career field. Think LinkedIn, WordPress or Jobster.

Maintain professional social media accounts. Monitor your privacy settings but know there's always the possibility of someone getting past those settings. Your pictures and posts are on the Internet, after all. The New York Times article, "The Web Means

the End of Forgetting" can help explain the permanent consequences the Internet can have.

Follow the companies you may want to work for in the future. You spend plenty of time on Facebook and/or Twitter, and it only takes seconds to "Like" or "Follow" to show interest in a company.

Link personal social media sites for search engine optimization. By linking the social media you use (such as adding your Twitter to your LinkedIn account), you can create one cohesive online presence. This is especially helpful for people with common names.

Club 34 prepares for Cirque du Gala

Alexis Guerrero

MD CORRESPONDANT

Art and design department's Club 34 is preparing for its social event of the season, the annual Art Gala.

Club 34, named after the Walter F. Dexter Building — which is located in building 34 — is open to all art and design majors, said Stephanie Zombek, an art and design junior and club president.

There is a different artistic theme for the annual gala each year. The theme of this year's gala is Cirque du Gala.

"It's circus themed," Zombek said. "It's kind of a play off Cirque du Soleil."

Zombek said the officers of Club 34 have been working to make Cirque du Gala a place where art and design students can network, dance, get creative and forget about stressful classes.

"Sometimes we aren't allowed to express ourselves as much in

What's so great about these social gatherings is we are able to let our personalities shine through.

—Stephanie Zombek
President of Club 34

some of our classes," Zombek said. "What's so great about these social gatherings is we are able to let our personalities shine through."

Each year the art and design students develop creative costume choices for the event, and this year will be no different, Zombek said.

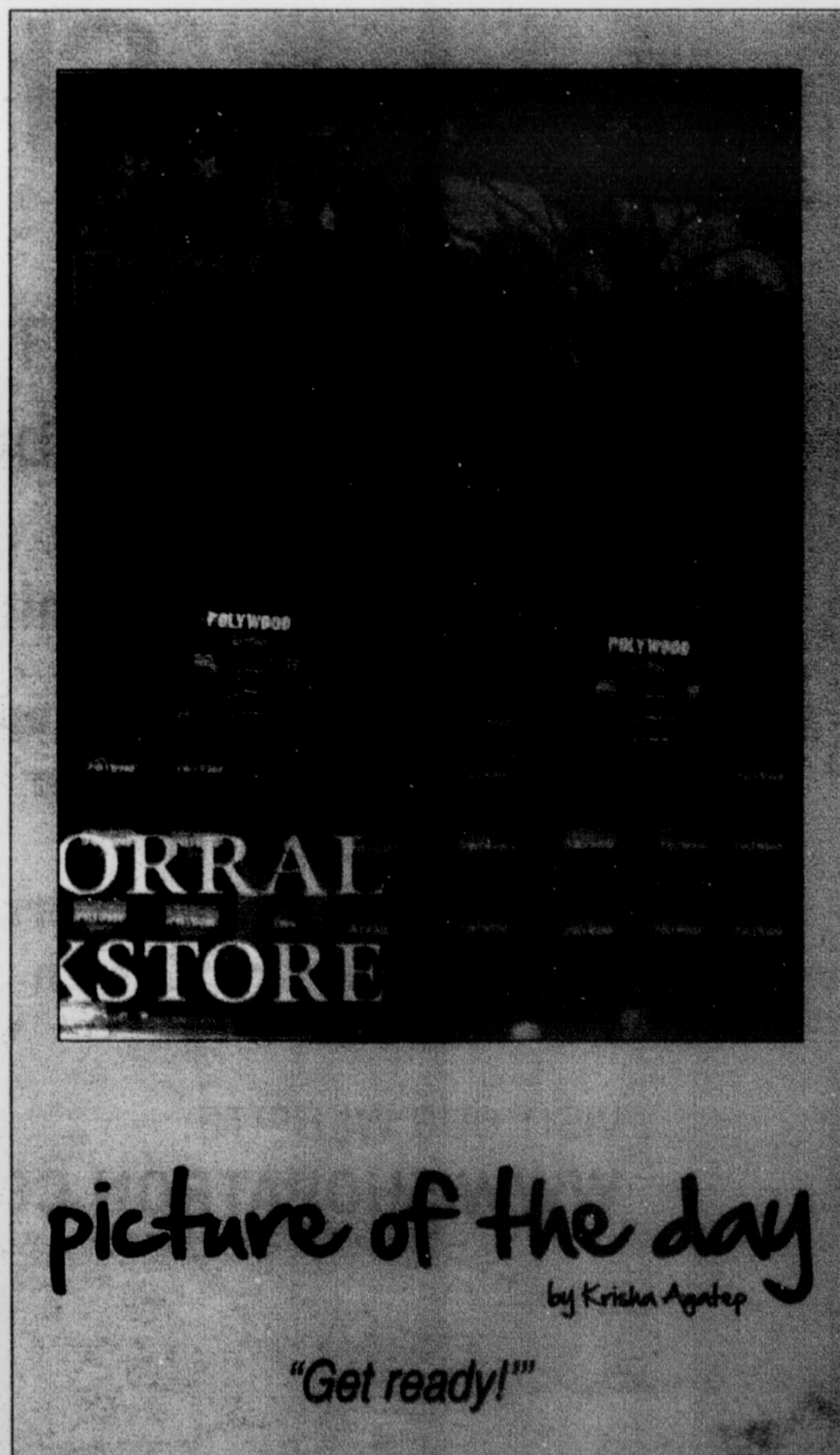
Art and design senior and president of the Cal Poly chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, Brice Tuttle said he is excited to dress up for the upcoming event.

"I never was good at deciding

on costumes," he said. "I'm trying to decide between 'ringmaster' and 'human cannonball.' The ringmaster seems more classy — it is a formal, after all — but a grungy human cannonball could be awesome if pulled off right."

This year's event is extra special because the art and design department is holding Cirque du Gala at the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum. Club 34 and the Chil-

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picture of the day
by Krishna Agatep

"Get ready!"

Cirque

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dren's Museum have worked out a trade, Zombek said.

"The SLO Children's Museum agreed to give us the venue for free, as long as we came back and did workshops with the kids," Zombek said. "We're doing four workshops with them that correspond with

four Art After Darks."

The San Luis Obispo Children's Museum will facilitate workshops between Cal Poly art and design students and children from the local community. The art the children

produce, as well as Cal Poly student artwork, will be displayed during Art After Dark, Zombek said.

Art After Dark is held on the first Friday of every month in San Luis Obispo. Art work is displayed

throughout downtown from 6 to 9 p.m., and San Luis Obispo patrons can celebrate art in more than 20 galleries and non-traditional art venues — such as restaurants, bars, boutiques and salons — for free, according to the Art Obispo website.

The art and design students will not only benefit from a free venue, but will have the opportunity to give back to the San Luis Obispo community, said art and design senior and Art Gala co-coordinator Caitlin Beyer.

"I think there's always something to gain when Cal Poly gets involved with the community," she said.

Beyer said working with children in the community will be a great opportunity to gain inspiration for future works.

"Children don't have a sense of restraint, so anything is possible," she said. "They just have a sense of imagination that is just inspiring sometimes."

Cirque du Gala will take place Saturday, April 23 at 9 p.m., with more than 100 students of different majors expected to attend.

Cirque du Gala will include a DJ, dance floor, costume contest and student photographer to capture the best costumes of the night, Zombek said.

Food and drinks are also a new addition this year. Local restaurant Petra Mediterranean Pizza and Grill will cater the event.

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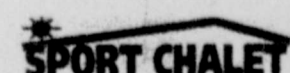
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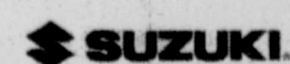
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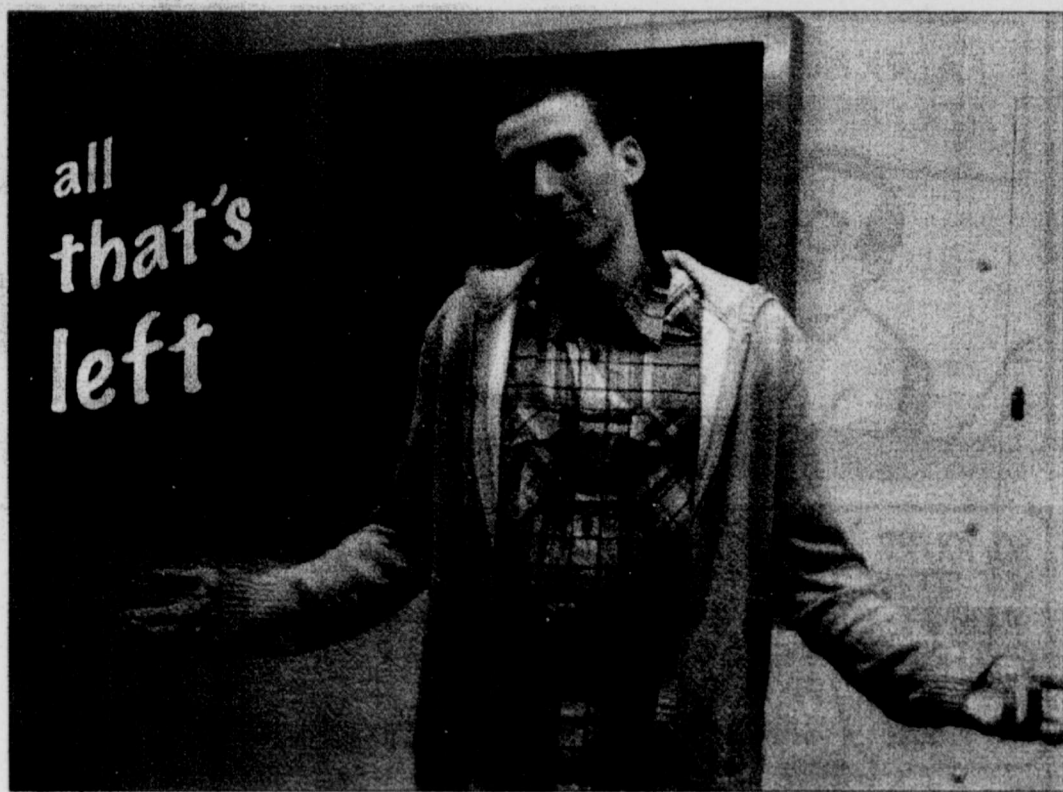
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The homeless: the poor's poor



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I'm from the Bay Area and have spent many days hanging out in San Francisco. Against the backdrop of a picturesque setting, the streets are an adolescent's playground. But the streets of San Francisco are also home to countless individuals who are without homes.

As we walk past these individuals slumped against a wall, dejected by life's hardships, we find it easier to ignore them than to acknowledge their existence. In that moment of recognition, when you don't just see the story of their lives written all over their weathered hands, tattered clothes and vacant stares, but actually feel the struggles of life they've endured in the way the human spirit seems to be fading from their listless eyes, we seem to be accepting society's fable that we have succeeded through hard work, and they have failed due to their own foibles.

This is the cognitive dissonance that rationalizes the wealth disparities, a way for us to do away with the pangs of guilt, sorrow, and empathy stoked by our conscience at seeing someone's brother or son broken by needless suffering. Undoubtedly for most of us, this rationalization rings hollow. So instead, we pretend they aren't there. It's easier that way.

When an individual looks upset or distressed, a common response

is usually, "What's the matter?" or "What's wrong?"

The idea behind these probing questions is that one can better remedy a solution when there is a clear cause to the problem. The same can be said of homelessness; however, society rarely engages a homeless individual and asks, "What's the matter?"

Instead, we pool information to find patterns that provide a causal connection between the data and the problem, often resulting in misinformation and clouded perceptions regarding the true content of the crisis. Using such data, some scholars inadequately suggest that homelessness is a phenomenon of the drunk, the addicted and the shiftless. They refuse to take into account the socio-economic structure that may unfairly disadvantage these individuals.

A comprehensive approach to defining the root causes of homelessness would take into account not only individual idiosyncrasies that can result in homelessness, but also, the overarching structure that enables these individuals to fall through our tattered social safety net. In turn, this would provide a firm foundation for making important strides in tackling homelessness in the future.

Theories that focus on individual causes of homelessness tend to blame the victim. In their study of homelessness, Alice Baum and Donald Burnes argue homeless individuals are disaffiliated with society due to "psychi-

atric illness, substance abuse or legal troubles on social networks." As a result of the cause residing in individual behavior, the only necessary remedy would be more treatment centers to foster more socially acceptable behavior, completely disregarding any larger societal influences. This would also suggest that since homelessness has increased in the last two decades, its aforementioned "causes" would have also experienced an increase, although the rates for psychiatric illness and substance abuse are no higher now than in decades past.

Baum and Burnes claim that focusing on affordable housing without first addressing the "disabling conditions" of the homeless population is akin to supplying an individual with a walking stick after breaking one's foot without first resetting the bone and applying a cast. The analogy is a convenient manner to prove their point, but it does not quite capture the reality of the situation.

Advocates for providing low-income housing are not trying to apply a bandage to a broken bone but, rather, are trying to address what they see as the root causes of homelessness. These advocates are not necessarily attempting a solution for people who are already homeless but rather, to continue the analogy, the advocates return to the scene of the accident to determine the conditions that allowed the individual to break his or her foot (dangerous walking conditions, potholes, etc.) and eliminate those conditions to prevent future accidents.

The scholar James Wright describes the current socio-economic situation as a "pool of risk" in which the demand for low-income housing

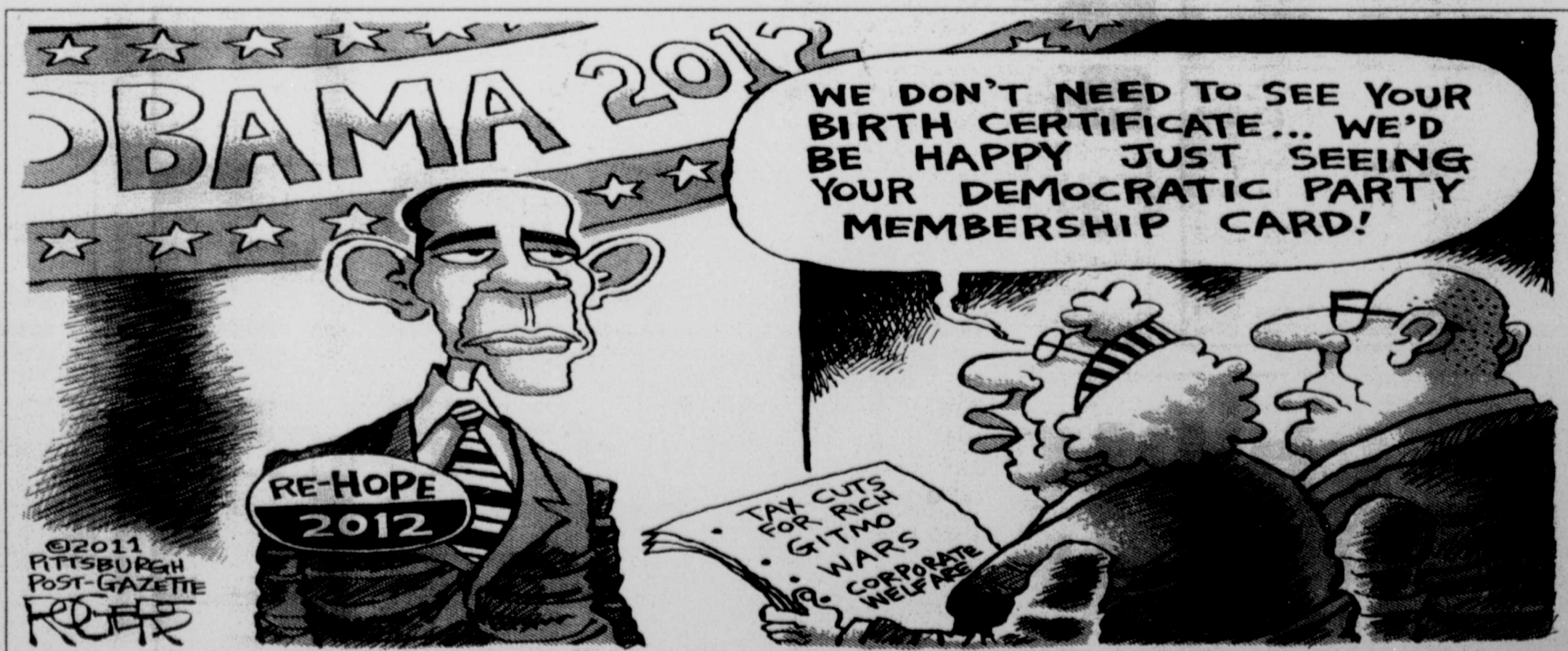
far outweighs the supply. He continues by saying, "And given that a pool of risk has been created, it comes as no great surprise that those within the pool who do become homeless are drawn heavily from the most vulnerable ranks of the poverty population — the ill, the addicted, and the socially disaffiliated."

Thus, when portrayed in this light, homelessness reduction is completely and utterly intertwined with poverty reduction. Given that the homeless population is mostly a subset of the impoverished population, it comes as no surprise that "the most important elements of both long-term and immediate solutions to homelessness are housing, jobs and social services." Likewise, efforts to combat homelessness cannot be decentralized to localities and private charities, but rather, must contain a concentrated effort at the federal level so that we can establish a united front against homelessness.

Cities, in a perfect example of individual rationality leading to collective irrationality, have actively sought to "criminalize" the homeless in their efforts to decrease the homeless population. The idea behind this is that homelessness is bad for business and criminalizing it enables municipalities to use the law to remove the homeless from public sight. However, this "solution" merely addresses a result of homelessness rather than attempting to address homelessness itself. With a concerted effort at the federal level and a focus on the structural cause of homelessness, the U.S. can once and for all make impressive reductions in the homeless, and by extension, the population of impoverished peoples as a whole.

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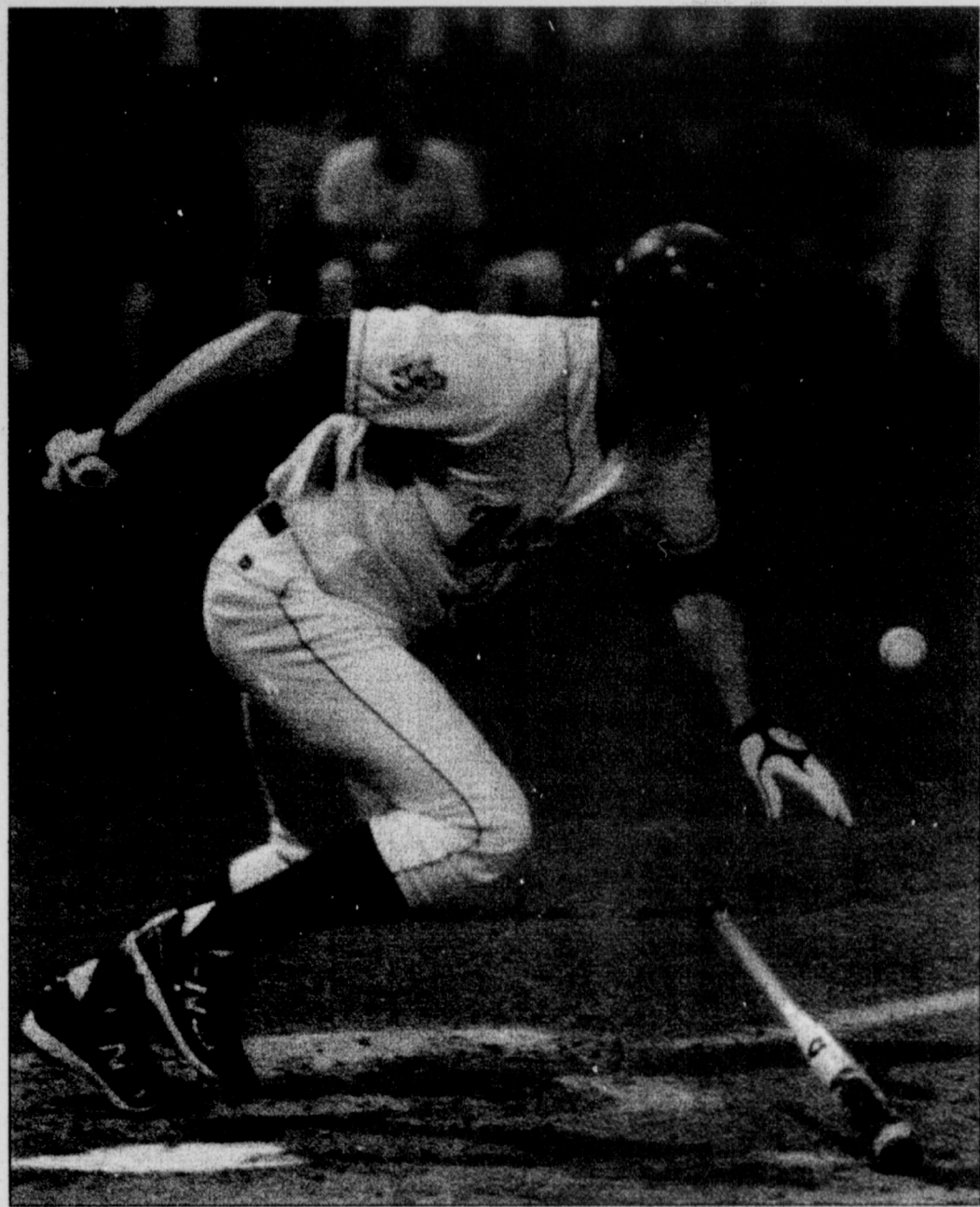


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Offense fuels victory over Santa Clara



RYAN SIDARTO MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly responded to its series loss to UC Santa Barbara last weekend with an offensive outburst. After the Mustangs lost two of three games to the Gauchos, they defeated Santa Clara 7-2 on the road Tuesday night. The Mustangs tallied 14 hits and four players with multi-hit games. Bobby Crocker went 3 for 4, Elliot Stewart went 2 for 3 with an RBI, Mike Miller went 2 for 6 with two RBIs and D.J. Gentile went 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Dodgers, Giants preach fan peace

Tim Kawakami
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO — AT&T Park was full. The crowd was in a raucous mood, of course.

It was Giants vs. Dodgers, again. The ancient and occasionally uncivil rivalry.

And then everything got quiet and contemplative, which is what the Giants and Dodgers desperately wanted and the evening needed.

A few minutes before the first pitch Monday night, the teams met in the middle of the field in a moment of diamond diplomacy.

The crowd hushed. Giants reliever Jeremy Affeldt went to the microphone, mentioned the serious beating of Giants fan Bryan Stow after a recent Giants-Dodgers game at Dodger Stadium, and choked back his emotion.

"We play with a ton of competition, but when the last out is made, that rivalry ends on the field," Affeldt said to the crowd. So please respect that, and in your excitement and in your frustration don't take it out on another fan if you don't agree with who they cheer for."

There was a roar. Thousands of heads nodded. It got quiet again.

Then Dodgers infielder Jamey Carroll stepped forward, to a few (hopefully) joking boos, and spoke for his team.

"There's nothing better than ri-

valry in sports," Carroll said. "This is one of the best that's out there. ... But there's no room in this game for hatred and violence. It is about respect. It is about civility. This is America's national pastime and let's keep it that way."

More applause. Players from both teams shook each other's hands. Prayers and thoughts were offered to Stow, the 42-year-old paramedic from Santa Cruz who is in a medically induced coma.

"Let's keep this in perspective here," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said before the game. "Things like that shouldn't happen. Even though we're trying to beat each other (in the game), let's keep things in order."

And for a few hours, at least, the mood seemed to hold.

There were, of course, chants and boos and some not-nice things yelled at those in the blue uniforms.

At least one fan, dressed in Giants colors, was escorted out of the left-field bleachers by security.

This is never going to be a normal game, though. Not when it came less than two weeks after Stow's beating, and with about 100 fellow paramedics lined at the gates gathering donations for Stow.

These games — and crowds — will always be under the microscope.

"I would want everybody to just get along," said paramedic Brian Green, who works with Stow in Santa Clara County. "It's just a game. That's what we want it to be. A game."

"We don't want any kind of retaliation. We don't want any kind of violence. What happened to Bryan was completely unfortunate, wrong place at the wrong time. We don't want anything like that to happen to a Dodger fan tonight."

Before Affeldt and Carroll spoke, the Giants' entire squad came out onto the field to present a World Series ring to Juan Uribe, a key part of last year's team and now a Dodger.

That was originally planned as a private presentation, but it was changed, mostly as a tribute to Uribe, but also partly as a calming gesture.

Uribe himself was buffeted by emotion, given a standing ovation, and then hugged by all of his former teammates.

"Hopefully, it'll send a message that yes, we're competitive in baseball, but it's baseball," Bochy said. "We've got to keep our senses here."

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Third spring practice with Tim Walsh underway

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The sun has not yet risen over the Santa Lucia Mountains, but already cries of "55 RED!" can be heard from the fields of the Cal Poly Sports Complex. It's 6:54 a.m. and Cal Poly football players are on the field for practice, their breath rising in puffs of steam.

Last year ended abruptly. Heading into its matchup against UC Davis in the season finale, Cal Poly found themselves in a win-or-go-home scenario. If the Mustangs beat their cross-state rival, they would likely head into postseason play. If they lost, the Mustangs would watch the playoffs from home.

Following a 19-point second-half rally by the Aggies, the Mustangs found themselves cleaning out their lockers for the season.

This season, the Mustangs have revenge on their mind. Spring practice is underway with third-year head coach Tim Walsh, and the team has its eyes set on a bounce-back year.

To do so, the Mustangs are picking up the pace.

During practice, a whistle blows, coaches yell out directions and the players split into offensive and defensive drills without a moment to rest or catch their breath.

"Things are moving all of the time, and it's a tempo we want to play with," Walsh said.

The fast tempo allows the team to cut down on conditioning and run more drills. The Mustangs build muscle strength by practicing with fewer breaks, instead of switching between workouts and drills.

It's all part of Walsh's strategy

for preparing the team for the challenging and uncertain season ahead. Among other games, the Mustangs are up against two Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) teams this year: San Diego State and Northern Illinois.

San Diego State was 9-4 last season, and went on to defeat Navy in the Poinsettia Bowl. Northern Illinois went 11-3, while also going a perfect 8-0 in the Mid-American Conference.

"We don't have a lot of games on the schedule where as a coach you'd say, 'We're going to win these games,'" Walsh said.

Despite the tough matchups, or perhaps because of them, the Mustangs are determined to make this season a strong one, especially after the way last year's season finished, freshman cornerback Kevin Britt said.

"(We have) a chip on our shoulders," Britt said.

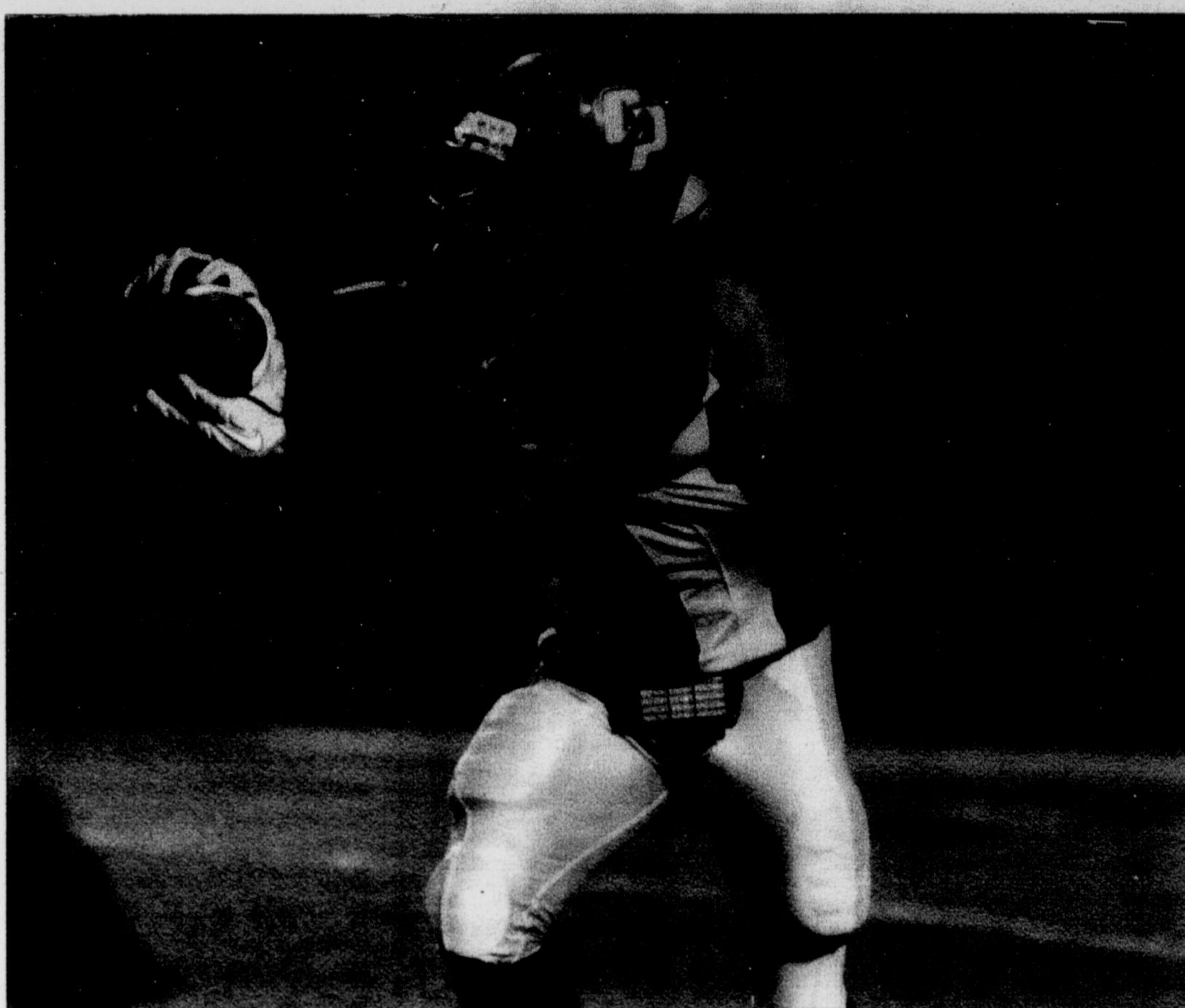
7:30 a.m. — The opportunity to grow

The sun has just peeked over the mountains. The players are running drills on special teams.

Coaches at each group yell things like, "There you go!" "45 degrees!" and "HUT!" as defensive linemen duck and weave around trash barrels.

Several offensive linemen pause to hydrate, but only for a moment. They grab some water from their bottles, splash some on their faces and immediately return to blocking drills.

Andre Broadous, who is expected to be the starting quarterback this



RYAN SIDARTO MUSTANG DAILY

Running back Mark Rodgers is expected to be a big part of next year's offense. He ran for 925 yards last season.

season, said the entire team is excited to be back on the field. A fast pace allows the team more repetitions of each drill, 150 on average, compared to 100 last season, Broadous said.

"With more reps it's making our team better as a whole," Broadous said.

It's still early into spring practice and the effort put in on the field is already paying off, Walsh said.

"I think overall we're going to be the most physically talented and the deepest that we've been in the two years I've been here," Walsh said.

With 16 returning starters, Walsh wants to use practice as an "opportunity for our young players to grow."

Redshirt freshman wide receiver Lance Castaneda, said the new practice style is a big part of helping younger players step up.

"It's way more upbeat," Castaneda said. "Everything's fast, fast, fast

from one drill to the next."

7:50 a.m. — Playing as a team

That speed shows.

At 7:50 a.m., after 20 minutes of special teams drills and no break in between, the players have gathered back together as a single team. The offensive and defensive lines are in the trenches, while players watch and call out encouragement — or insults — from the sidelines.

"Get there! Get there! Get there!" a coach yells.

"Man, 'Dre, you can't throw for shit!" — a player taunts Broadous.

When a pass misses its mark and one of the defensive linemen drops the interception, all of the players on defense groan before dropping to the ground as a group to do push-ups.

Redshirt freshman running back Chris Nicholls said the team's energy is a good starting point, as every player throws himself into each drill.

He said the team will need to keep up the energy to have a good year.

"It's a long season, college football," Nicholls said. "You stay consistent and work hard."

8:40 a.m. — From sports to scholastics

A final whistle blows and the players gather around Walsh in a huddle.

"Good tempo," he tells the team, once again stressing the pace with which the Mustangs are attacking practice this spring.

With a word of advice not to neglect their class work, Walsh congratulates the team on a successful practice and lets them go.

The sun is hanging above the mountains now. The field is deserted, and the Cal Poly campus is beginning to fill with students headed to their first classes of the day.

I think overall, we're going to be the most physically talented and the deepest we've been in the two years I've been here.

— Tim Walsh
Head football coach



RYAN SIDARTO MUSTANG DAILY

After leading UC Davis 21-3 in the first half of last year's matchup, the Aggies rallied for 19 points in the second half to hand the Mustangs a 22-21 loss. It ended the Mustangs' season at 7-4.